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TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM WIFE OF DETAINEE

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN HAS LETTER FROM ALIYA TUNG,
WIFE OF POLITICAL DETAINEE SHUMS T.C. TUNG SEEKING USG
HELP WITH HIS CASE. SHE DESCRIBES HER HUSBAND'S ARREST
DURING THE GENERAL ELECTIONS OF 1976, IN WHICH HE WAS AN
OPPOSITION CANDIDATE, AND HIS DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL SINCE
THEN. SHE STATED THAT HE HAS REPEATEDLY REQUESTED AN OPEN
TRIAL WITH NO SUCCESS AND THAT SHE NOW FEARS THAT HIS DE-
TENTION WILL BE EXTENDED FOR TWO OR MORE YEARS.

2. WE PROPOSE SENDING THE FOLLOWING LETTER (OPERATIONAL
PARAGRAPHS ONLY) TO MRS. TUNG BUT FIRST WISH TO HAVE
EMBASSY COMMENTS. NOTE THAT WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT EM-
BASSY RAISE CASE WITH GOS.

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3. TEXT:

I WAS DISTURBED TO READ OF HIS SITUATION AND TO LEARN
THAT HE HAD BEEN DENIED A TRIAL DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS.
I HAVE ASKED OUR EMBASSY TO MAKE AN INQUIRY OF THE SINGA-
PORIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING HIS CASE.

IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL IS IN

DIRECT CONFLICT WITH INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. OUR VIEWS ON THIS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. DURING MY VISIT TO SINGAPORE LAST WINTER, I DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH OFFICIALS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL AND IMPRESSED UPON THEM OUR COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE ELIMINATION OF SUCH DETENTION IN SINGAPORE AND ELSEWHERE AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS. END OF TEXT. VANCE

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